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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 7, 2003

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2000-00027

For approval of its Tariff Filing  
to Introduce Collocation Service

ORDER ACCEPTING REVISION FILED  
FEBRUARY 11, 2003, TO COLLOCATION  
SERVICE TARIFF ON INTERIM BASIS  
AND REQUESTING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The Collocation Service Tariff filed by Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South" or "Company") was approved by the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") on an interim basis on February 29, 2000.<sup>1</sup> On February 11, 2003, Verizon South filed a further revision to its Collocation Service Tariff ("February 11, 2003, tariff revision"). The effective date of the February 11, 2003, tariff revision is March 13, 2003.

According to the Company's February 11, 2003, tariff revision, Verizon South's Collocation Service Tariff is being amended to:

clarify terms and conditions for various  
aspects of Collocation. Specifically, the  
following areas are being amended:  
termination of collocation arrangements,

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<sup>1</sup> Additional revisions were approved on an interim basis on July 12, 2000; December 19, 2000; October 10, 2001; February 27, 2002; and on October 25, 2002.

implementation of collocation charges, casualty, equipment specifications, testing, application procedures, and non-compliant installations.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission finds that the February 11, 2003, tariff revision should be accepted on an interim basis effective March 13, 2003. Furthermore, the Commission recognizes that considerable time has passed since docketing this case and that a number of revisions to the Company's Collocation Service Tariff have been implemented on an interim basis. Therefore, the Commission also requests that Verizon South and other interested parties file comments advising how the Commission should proceed in this case to refresh the record. We are particularly interested in the parties' position on whether we should consider requiring Verizon South to initiate settlement negotiations with interested parties to resolve (or at a minimum, identify) the current issues in this proceeding.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon South's February 11, 2003, tariff revision is hereby approved on an interim basis, effective March 13, 2003, subject to refunds of collocation charges and/or modifications in terms and conditions.

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<sup>2</sup> See cover letter at p. 2, February 11, 2003, tariff revision.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission notes that settlement was ultimately reached on Verizon Virginia Inc.'s Collocation Tariff in Case No. PUC-1999-00101 (See Order Approving Settlement Agreement Filed on February 1, 2002, issued June 28, 2002).

(2) Verizon South shall serve upon all parties having previously filed comments, as well as the Attorney General, copies of its February 11, 2003, tariff revision within ten (10) days from the date of this Order. Verizon South shall promptly furnish a copy of its February 11, 2003, tariff revision to any person requesting a copy. Requests may be directed to Lydia R. Pulley, Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel, Verizon South Inc., 600 East Main Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219-2441.

(3) Any interested party is granted leave to file comments on Verizon South's February 11, 2003, tariff revision on or before April 4, 2003, serving all parties having previously commented in this case.

(4) Verizon South and any interested party may file comments on other procedural matters raised herein on or before April 4, 2003, serving all parties having previously commented in this case.

(5) This matter is continued generally.